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CHAPTER 278

SENATE BILL 1405

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 15-185 AND 15-901, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 15. CHAPTER 9. ARTICLE 1. ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-901.02; AMENDING SECTION 15-945. ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 15. CHAPTER 9. ARTICLE 5. ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-980; AMENDING LAWS 2002. CHAPTER 330. SECTIONS 49 AND 51; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS; RELATING TO EDUCATION BUDGET RECONCILIATION.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 15-185, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

15-185. Charter schools; financing; definitions

- A. Financial provisions for a charter school that is sponsored by a school district governing board are as follows:
- 1. The charter school shall be included in the district's budget and financial assistance calculations pursuant to paragraph 3 of this subsection and chapter 9 of this title, except for chapter 9, article 4 of this title. The charter of the charter school shall include a description of the methods of funding the charter school by the school district. The school district shall send a copy of the charter and application, including a description of how the school district plans to fund the school, to the state board of education before the start of the first fiscal year of operation of the charter school. The charter or application shall include an estimate of the student count for the charter school for its first fiscal year of operation. This estimate shall be computed pursuant to the requirements of paragraph 3 of this subsection.
- 2. A school district is not financially responsible for any charter school that is sponsored by the state board of education or the state board for charter schools.
 - 3. A school district that sponsors a charter school may:
- (a) Increase its student count as provided in subsection B, paragraph 2 of this section during the first year of the charter school's operation to include those charter school pupils who were not previously enrolled in the school district. A charter school sponsored by a school district governing board is eligible for the assistance prescribed in subsection B, paragraph 4 of this section. The soft capital allocation as provided in section 15-962 for the school district sponsoring the charter school shall be increased by the amount of the additional assistance. The school district shall include the full amount of the additional assistance in the funding provided to the charter school.
- (b) Compute separate weighted student counts pursuant to section 15-943, paragraph 2, subdivision (a) for its noncharter school versus charter school pupils in order to maintain eligibility for small school district support level weights authorized in section 15-943, paragraph 1 for its noncharter school pupils only. The portion of a district's student count that is attributable to charter school pupils is not eligible for small school district support level weights.
- 4. If a school district uses the provisions of paragraph 3 of this subsection, the school district is not eligible to include those pupils in its student count for the purposes of computing an increase in its revenue control limit and district support level as provided in section 15-948.

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- 5. A school district that sponsors a charter school is not eligible to include the charter school pupils in its student count for the purpose of computing an increase in its capital outlay revenue limit as provided in section 15-961, subsection C, except that if the charter school was previously a school in the district, the district may include in its student count any charter school pupils who were enrolled in the school district in the prior year.
- 6. A school district that sponsors a charter school is not eligible to include the charter school pupils in its student count for the purpose of computing the revenue control limit which is used to determine the maximum budget increase as provided in chapter 4, article 4 of this title unless the charter school is located within the boundaries of the school district.
- 7. If a school district converts one or more of its district public schools to a charter school and receives assistance as prescribed in subsection B, paragraph 4 of this section, and subsequently converts the charter school back to a district public school, the school district shall repay the state the total additional assistance received for the charter school for all years that the charter school was in operation. The repayment shall be in one lump sum and shall be reduced from the school district's current year equalization assistance. The school district's general budget limit shall be reduced by the same lump sum amount in the current year.
- B. Financial provisions for a charter school that is sponsored by the state board of education or the state board for charter schools are as follows:
- 1. The charter school shall calculate a base support level as prescribed in section 15-943, except that sections 15-941 and 15-942 do not apply to these charter schools.
- 2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1 of this subsection, the student count shall be determined initially using an estimated student count based on actual registration of pupils before the beginning of the school year. After the first one hundred days or two hundred days in session, as applicable, the charter school shall revise the student count to be equal to the actual average daily membership, as defined in section 15-901, or the adjusted average daily membership, as prescribed in section 15-902, of the charter Before the one hundredth day or two hundredth day in session, as applicable, the state board of education or the state board for charter schools may require a charter school to report periodically regarding pupil enrollment and attendance and the department of education may revise its computation of equalization assistance based on the report. A charter school shall revise its student count, base support level and additional assistance before May 15. A charter school that overestimated its student count shall revise its budget before May 15. A charter school that underestimated its student count may revise its budget before May 15.

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- 3. A charter school may utilize section 15-855 for the purposes of this section. The charter school and the department of education shall prescribe procedures for determining average daily attendance and average daily membership.
- 4. Equalization assistance for the charter school shall be determined by adding the amount of the base support level and additional assistance. The amount of the additional assistance is one thousand two hundred seventy-eight dollars forty cents ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THREE DOLLARS NINETY-SEVEN CENTS per student count in kindergarten programs and grades one through eight and one thousand four hundred eighty-nine dollars ninety-five cents ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETEEN DOLLARS SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS per student count in grades nine through twelve.
- 5. The state board of education shall apportion state aid from the appropriations made for such purposes to the state treasurer for disbursement to the charter schools in each county in an amount as determined by this paragraph. The apportionments shall be made in twelve equal installments of the total amount to be apportioned during the fiscal year on the fifteenth day of each month of the fiscal year.
- 6. Notwithstanding paragraph 5 of this subsection, if sufficient appropriated monies are available after the first forty days in session of the current year, a charter school may request additional state monies to fund the increased state aid due to anticipated student growth through the first one hundred days or two hundred days in session, as applicable, of the current year as provided in section 15-948. In no event shall a charter school have received more than three-fourths of its total apportionment before April 15 of the fiscal year. Early payments pursuant to this subsection must be approved by the state treasurer, the director of the department of administration and the superintendent of public instruction.
- 7. The charter school shall not charge tuition, levy taxes or issue bonds.
- 8. Not later than noon on the day preceding each apportionment date established by paragraph 5 of this subsection, the superintendent of public instruction shall furnish to the state treasurer an abstract of the apportionment and shall certify the apportionment to the department of administration, which shall draw its warrant in favor of the charter schools for the amount apportioned.
- C. If a pupil is enrolled in both a charter school and a public school that is not a charter school, the sum of the daily membership, which includes enrollment as prescribed in section 15-901, subsection A, paragraph 2, subdivisions (a) and (b) and daily attendance as prescribed in section 15-901, subsection A, paragraph 6, for that pupil in the school district and the charter school shall not exceed 1.0. If a pupil is enrolled in both a charter school and a public school that is not a charter school, the department of education shall direct the average daily membership to the school with the most recent enrollment date. Upon validation of actual

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enrollment in both a charter school and a public school that is not a charter school and the sum of the daily membership or daily attendance for that pupil is greater than 1.0, the sum shall be reduced to 1.0 and shall be apportioned between the public school and the charter school based on the percentage of total time that the pupil is enrolled or in attendance in the public school and the charter school. The uniform system of financial records shall include guidelines for the apportionment of the pupil enrollment and attendance as provided in this section.

- D. Charter schools are allowed to accept grants and gifts to supplement their state funding, but it is not the intent of the charter school law to require taxpayers to pay twice to educate the same pupils. The base support level for a charter school or for a school district sponsoring a charter school shall be reduced by an amount equal to the total amount of monies received by a charter school from a federal or state agency if the federal or state monies are intended for the basic maintenance and operations of the school. The superintendent of public instruction shall estimate the amount of the reduction for the budget year and shall revise the reduction to reflect the actual amount before May 15 of the current year. If the reduction results in a negative amount, the negative amount shall be used in computing all budget limits and equalization assistance, except that:
 - 1. Equalization assistance shall not be less than zero.
- 2. For a charter school sponsored by the state board of education or the state board for charter schools, the total of the base support level, the capital outlay revenue limit, the soft capital allocation and the additional assistance shall not be less than zero.
- 3. For a charter school sponsored by a school district, the base support level for the school district shall not be reduced by more than the amount that the charter school increased the district's base support level, capital outlay revenue limit and soft capital allocation.
- E. If a charter school was a district public school in the prior year and is now being operated for or by the same school district and sponsored by the state board of education, the state board for charter schools or a school district governing board, the reduction in subsection D of this section applies. The reduction to the base support level of the charter school or the sponsoring district of the charter school shall equal the sum of the base support level and the additional assistance received in the current year for those pupils who were enrolled in the traditional public school in the prior year and are now enrolled in the charter school in the current year.
- F. Equalization assistance for charter schools shall be provided as a single amount based on average daily membership without categorical distinctions between maintenance and operations or capital.

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- G. At the request of a charter school, the county school superintendent of the county where the charter school is located may provide the same educational services to the charter school as prescribed in section 15-308, subsection A. The county school superintendent may charge a fee to recover costs for providing educational services to charter schools.
- H. If the sponsor of the charter school determines at a public meeting that the charter school is not in compliance with federal law, with the laws of this state, or with its charter, the sponsor of a charter school may submit a request to the state board of education to withhold up to ten per cent of the monthly apportionment of state aid that would otherwise be due the charter school. The state board of education shall adjust the charter school's apportionment accordingly. The sponsor shall provide written notice to the charter school at least seventy-two hours before the meeting and shall allow the charter school to respond to the allegations of noncompliance at the meeting before the sponsor makes a final determination to notify the state board of education of noncompliance. The charter school shall submit a corrective action plan to the sponsor on a date specified by the sponsor at the meeting. The corrective action plan shall be designed to correct deficiencies at the charter school and to ensure that the charter school promptly returns to compliance. When the sponsor determines that the charter school is in compliance, the state board of education shall restore the full amount of state aid payments to the charter school.
- I. A charter school may receive and spend monies distributed by the department of education pursuant to section 42-5029, subsection E and section 37-521, subsection B.
 - J. For the purposes of this section:
- 1. "Monies intended for the basic maintenance and operations of the school" means monies intended to provide support for the educational program of the school, except that it does not include supplemental assistance for a specific purpose or P.L. 81-874 monies. The auditor general shall determine which federal or state monies meet the definition in this paragraph.
- 2. "Operated for or by the same school district" means the charter school is either governed by the same district governing board or operated by the district in the same manner as other traditional schools in the district or is operated by an independent party that has a contract with the school district. The auditor general and the department of education shall determine which charter schools meet the definition in this subsection.
 - Sec. 2. Section 15-901, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 15-901. <u>Definitions</u>
 - A. In this title, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 1. "Average daily attendance" or "ADA" means actual average daily attendance through the first one hundred days or two hundred days in session, as applicable.

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- 2. "Average daily membership" means the total enrollment of fractional students and full-time students, minus withdrawals, of each school day through the first one hundred days or two hundred days in session, as applicable, for the current year. Withdrawals include students formally withdrawn from schools and students absent for ten consecutive school days, except for excused absences as identified by the department of education. For computation purposes, the effective date of withdrawal shall be retroactive to the last day of actual attendance of the student.
 - (a) "Fractional student" means:
- For common schools, until fiscal year 2001-2002, a preschool child who is enrolled in a program for preschool children with disabilities of at least three hundred sixty minutes each week or a kindergartan student at least five years of age prior to January 1 of the school year and enrolled in a school kindergarten program that meets at least three hundred forty-six instructional hours during the minimum number of days required in a school year as provided in section 15-341. In fiscal year 2001-2002, the kindergarten program shall meet at least three hundred forty-eight hours. In fiscal year 2002-2003, the kindergarten program shall meet at least three hundred fifty hours. In fiscal year 2003-2004, the kindergarten program shall meet at least three hundred fifty-two hours. In fiscal year 2004-2005, the kindergarten program shall meet at least three hundred fifty-four hours. In fiscal year 2005-2006 and each fiscal year thereafter, the kindergarten program shall meet at least three hundred fifty-six hours. Lunch periods and recess periods may not be included as part of the instructional hours unless the child's individualized education program requires instruction during those periods and the specific reasons for such instruction are fully documented. In computing the average daily membership, preschool children with disabilities and kindergarten students shall be counted as one-half of a full-time student. For common schools, a part-time student is a student enrolled for less than the total time for a full-time student as defined in this section. A part-time common school student shall be counted as one-fourth, one-half or three-fourths of a full-time student if the student is enrolled in an instructional program that is at least one-fourth, one-half or three-fourths of the time a full-time student is enrolled as defined in subdivision (b) of this paragraph.
 - (ii) For high schools, a part-time student who is enrolled in less than four subjects that count toward graduation as defined by the state board of education in a recognized high school and who is taught in less than twenty instructional hours per week prorated for any week with fewer than five school days. A part-time high school student shall be counted as one-fourth, one-half or three-fourths of a full-time student if the student is enrolled in an instructional program that is at least one-fourth, one-half or three-fourths of a full-time instructional program as defined in subdivision (c) of this paragraph.

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(b) "Full-time student" means:

(i) For common schools, a student who is at least six years of age prior to January 1 of a school year, who has not graduated from the highest grade taught in the school district and who is regularly enrolled in a course of study required by the state board of education. Until fiscal year 2001-2002, first, second and third grade students, ungraded students at least six, but under nine, years of age by September 1 or ungraded group B children with disabilities who are at least five, but under six, years of age by September 1 must be enrolled in an instructional program that meets for a total of at least six hundred ninety-two hours during the minimum number of days required in a school year as provided in section 15–341. In fiscal year 2001-2002, the program shall meet at least six hundred ninety-six hours. fiscal year 2002–2003, the program shall meet at least seven hundred hours. In fiscal year 2003-2004, the program shall meet at least seven hundred four In fiscal year 2004–2005, the program shall meet at least seven hundred eight hours. In fiscal year 2005-2006 and in each fiscal year thereafter, the program shall meet at least seven hundred twelve Until fiscal year 2001-2002, fourth, fifth and sixth grade students or ungraded students at least nine, but under twelve, years of age by September 1 must be enrolled in an instructional program that meets for a total of at least eight hundred sixty-five hours during the minimum number of school days required in a school year as provided in section 15-341. fiscal year 2001-2002, the program shall meet at least eight hundred seventy In fiscal year 2002-2003, the program shall meet at least eight hundred seventy-five hours. In fiscal year 2003-2004, the program shall meet at least eight hundred eighty hours. In fiscal year 2004-2005, the program shall meet at least eight hundred eighty-five hours. In fiscal year 2005-2006 and each fiscal year thereafter, the program shall meet at least eight hundred ninety hours. Until fiscal year 2001-2002, seventh and eighth grade students or ungraded students at least twelve, but under fourteen, years of age by September 1 must be enrolled in an instructional program that meets for a total of at least one thousand thirty-eight hours during the minimum number of days required in a school year as provided in section In fiscal year 2001-2002, the program shall meet at least one thousand forty-four hours. In fiscal year 2002-2003, the program shall meet at least one thousand fifty hours. In fiscal year 2003-2004, the program shall meet at least one thousand fifty-six hours. In fiscal year 2004-2005. the program shall meet at least one thousand sixty-two hours. In fiscal year 2005-2006 and each fiscal year thereafter, the program shall meet at least one thousand sixty-eight hours. Lunch periods and recess periods may not be included as part of the instructional hours unless the student is a child with a disability and the child's individualized education program requires instruction during those periods and the specific reasons for such instruction are fully documented.

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- (ii) For high schools, a student not graduated from the highest grade taught in the school district, or an ungraded student at least fourteen years of age by September 1, and enrolled in at least a full-time instructional program of subjects that count toward graduation as defined by the state board of education in a recognized high school. A full-time student shall not be counted more than once for computation of average daily membership.
- (iii) For homebound or hospitalized, a student receiving at least four hours of instruction per week.
 - (c) "Full-time instructional program" means:
- (i) Through fiscal year 2000-2001, at least four subjects, each of which, if taught each school day for the minimum number of days required in a school year, would meet a minimum of one hundred twenty hours a year, or the equivalent, or one or more subjects taught in amounts of time totaling at least twenty hours per week prorated for any week with fewer than five school days.
- (ii) For fiscal year 2001-2002, an instructional program that meets at least a total of seven hundred four hours during the minimum number of days required and includes at least four subjects each of which, if taught each school day for the minimum number of days required in a school year, would meet a minimum of one hundred twenty-two hours a year, or the equivalent, or one or more subjects taught in amounts of time totaling at least twenty hours per week prorated for any week with fewer than five school days.
- (iii) For fiscal year 2002-2003, an instructional program that meets at least a total of seven hundred eight hours during the minimum number of days required and includes at least four subjects each of which, if taught each school day for the minimum number of days required in a school year, would meet a minimum of one hundred twenty-two hours a year, or the equivalent, or one or more subjects taught in amounts of time totaling at least twenty hours per week prorated for any week with fewer than five school days.
- (iv) For fiscal year 2003-2004, an instructional program that meets at least a total of seven hundred twelve hours during the minimum number of days required and includes at least four subjects each of which, if taught each school day for the minimum number of days required in a school year, would meet a minimum of one hundred twenty-three hours a year, or the equivalent, or one or more subjects taught in amounts of time totaling at least twenty hours per week prorated for any week with fewer than five school days.
- (v) For fiscal year 2004-2005, an instructional program that meets at least a total of seven hundred sixteen hours during the minimum number of days required and includes at least four subjects each of which, if taught each school day for the minimum number of days required in a school year, would meet a minimum of one hundred twenty-three hours a year, or the equivalent, or one or more subjects taught in amounts of time totaling at

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least twenty hours per week prorated for any week with fewer than five school days.

- (vi) For fiscal year 2005-2006 and each fiscal year thereafter, an instructional program that meets at least a total of seven hundred twenty hours during the minimum number of days required and includes at least four subjects each of which, if taught each school day for the minimum number of days required in a school year, would meet a minimum of one hundred twenty-three hours a year, or the equivalent, or one or more subjects taught in amounts of time totaling at least twenty hours per week prorated for any week with fewer than five school days.
- 3. "Budget year" means the fiscal year for which the school district is budgeting and which immediately follows the current year.
- 4. "Common school district" means a political subdivision of this state offering instruction to students in programs for preschool children with disabilities and kindergarten programs and grades one through eight.
- 5. "Current year" means the fiscal year in which a school district is operating.
 - 6. "Daily attendance" means:
 - (a) For common schools, days in which a pupil:
- (i) Of a kindergarten program or ungraded, but not group B children with disabilities, and at least five, but under six, years of age by September 1 attends at least three-quarters of the instructional time scheduled for the day. If the total instruction time scheduled for the year is at least three hundred forty-six hours but is less than six hundred ninety-two hours such attendance shall be counted as one-half day of attendance. If the instructional time scheduled for the year is at least six hundred ninety-two hours, "daily attendance" means days in which a pupil attends at least one-half of the instructional time scheduled for the day. Such attendance shall be counted as one-half day of attendance.
- (ii) Of the first, second or third grades, ungraded and at least six, but under nine, years of age by September 1 or ungraded group 8 children with disabilities and at least five, but under six, years of age by September 1 attends more than three-quarters of the instructional time scheduled for the day.
- (iii) Of the fourth, fifth or sixth grades or ungraded and at least nine, but under twelve, years of age by September 1 attends more than three-quarters of the instructional time scheduled for the day, except as provided in section 15-797.
- (iv) Of the seventh or eighth grades or ungraded and at least twelve, but under fourteen, years of age by September 1 attends more than three-quarters of the instructional time scheduled for the day, except as provided in section 15-797.

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- (b) For common schools, the attendance of a pupil at three-quarters or less of the instructional time scheduled for the day shall be counted as follows, except as provided in section 15-797 and except that attendance for a fractional student shall not exceed the pupil's fractional membership:
- (i) If attendance for all pupils in the school is based on quarter days, the attendance of a pupil shall be counted as one-fourth of a day's attendance for each one-fourth of full-time instructional time attended.
- (ii) If attendance for all pupils in the school is based on half days, the attendance of at least three-quarters of the instructional time scheduled for the day shall be counted as a full day's attendance and attendance at a minimum of one-half but less than three-quarters of the instructional time scheduled for the day equals one-half day of attendance.
- (c) For common schools, the attendance of a preschool child with disabilities shall be counted as one-fourth day's attendance for each thirty-six minutes of attendance not including lunch periods and recess periods, except as provided in paragraph 2, subdivision (a), item (i) of this subsection for children with disabilities up to a maximum of three hundred sixty minutes each week.
- (d) For high schools or ungraded schools in which the pupil is at least fourteen years of age by September 1, the attendance of a pupil shall not be counted as a full day unless the pupil is actually and physically in attendance and enrolled in and carrying four subjects, each of which, if taught each school day for the minimum number of days required in a school year, would meet a minimum of one hundred twenty hours a year, or the equivalent, that count toward graduation in a recognized high school except as provided in section 15-797 and subdivision (e) of this paragraph. Attendance of a pupil carrying less than the load prescribed shall be prorated.
- (e) For high schools or ungraded schools in which the pupil is at least fourteen years of age by September 1, the attendance of a pupil may be counted as one-fourth of a day's attendance for each sixty minutes of instructional time in a subject that counts toward graduation, except that attendance for a pupil shall not exceed the pupil's full or fractional membership.
- (f) For homebound or hospitalized, a full day of attendance may be counted for each day during a week in which the student receives at least four hours of instruction.
- (g) For school districts which maintain school for an approved year-round school year operation, attendance shall be based on a computation, as prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction, of the one hundred eighty days' equivalency or two hundred days' equivalency, as applicable, of instructional time as approved by the superintendent of public instruction during which each pupil is enrolled.

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- 7. "Daily route mileage" means the sum of:
- (a) The total number of miles driven daily by all buses of a school district while transporting eligible students from their residence to the school of attendance and from the school of attendance to their residence on scheduled routes approved by the superintendent of public instruction.
- (b) The total number of miles driven daily on routes approved by the superintendent of public instruction for which a private party, a political subdivision or a common or a contract carrier is reimbursed for bringing an eligible student from the place of his residence to a school transportation pickup point or to the school of attendance and from the school transportation scheduled return point or from the school of attendance to his residence.

Daily route mileage includes the total number of miles necessary to drive to transport eligible students from and to their residence as provided in this paragraph.

- 8. "District support level" means the base support level plus the transportation support level.
 - 9. "Eligible students" means:
- (a) Students who are transported by or for a school district and who qualify as full-time students or fractional students, except students for whom transportation is paid by another school district or a county school superintendent, and:
- (i) For common school students, whose place of actual residence within the school district is more than one mile from the school facility of attendance or students who are admitted pursuant to section 15-816.01 and who meet the economic eligibility requirements established under the national school lunch and child nutrition acts (42 United States Code sections 1751 through 1785) for free or reduced price lunches and whose actual place of residence outside the school district boundaries is more than one mile from the school facility of attendance.
- (ii) For high school students, whose place of actual residence within the school district is more than one and one-half miles from the school facility of attendance or students who are admitted pursuant to section 15-816.01 and who meet the economic eligibility requirements established under the national school lunch and child nutrition acts (42 United States Code sections 1751 through 1785) for free or reduced price lunches and whose actual place of residence outside the school district boundaries is more than one and one-half miles from the school facility of attendance.
- (b) Kindergarten students, for purposes of computing the number of eligible students under subdivision (a), item (i) of this paragraph, shall be counted as full-time students, notwithstanding any other provision of law.
- (c) Children with disabilities, as defined by section 15-761, who are transported by or for the school district or who are admitted pursuant to chapter 8, article 1.1 of this title and who qualify as full-time students or fractional students regardless of location or residence within the school

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district or children with disabilities whose transportation is required by the pupil's individualized education program.

- (d) Students whose residence is outside the school district and who are transported within the school district on the same basis as students who reside in the school district.
- 10. "Enrolled" or "enrollment" means when a pupil is currently registered in the school district.
- 11. "GDP price deflator" means the average of the four implicit price deflators for the gross domestic product reported by the United States department of commerce for the four quarters of the calendar year.
- 12. "High school district" means a political subdivision of this state offering instruction to students for grades nine through twelve or that portion of the budget of a common school district which is allocated to teaching high school subjects with permission of the state board of education.
- 13. "Revenue control limit" means the base revenue control limit plus the transportation revenue control limit.
- 14. "Student count" means average daily membership as prescribed in this subsection for the fiscal year prior to the current year, except that for the purpose of budget preparation student count means average daily membership as prescribed in this subsection for the current year.
- 15. "Submit electronically" means submitted in a format and in a manner prescribed by the department of education.
- 16. "Total bus mileage" means the total number of miles driven by all buses of a school district during the school year.
- 17. "Total students transported" means all eligible students transported from their place of residence to a school transportation pickup point or to the school of attendance and from the school of attendance or from the school transportation scheduled return point to their place of residence.
- 18. "Unified school district" means a political subdivision of the state offering instruction to students in programs for preschool children with disabilities and kindergarten programs and grades one through twelve.
 - B. In this title, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 1. "Base" means the revenue level per student count specified by the legislature.
 - 2. "Base level" means:
- (a) For fiscal year 1999-2000, two thousand five hundred fifty-nine dollars ninety-three cents.
- (b) For fiscal year 2000-2001, two thousand five hundred eighty-five dollars sixty cents:
- (c) For fiscal year 2001-2002, two thousand six hundred eighty-seven dollars thirty-two cents.
- (d) For fiscal year 2002-2003, two thousand seven hundred fifty-three dollars ninety cents.

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- (e) (a) For fiscal year 2003-2004, two thousand eight hundred twenty-two dollars seventy-four cents.
- (b) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005, TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-THREE DOLLARS EIGHTEEN CENTS.
- 3. "Base revenue control limit" means the base revenue control limit computed as provided in section 15-944.
- 4. "Base support level" means the base support level as provided in section 15-943.
- 5. "Certified teacher" means a person who is certified as a teacher pursuant to the rules adopted by the state board of education, who renders direct and personal services to school children in the form of instruction related to the school district's educational course of study and who is paid from the maintenance and operation section of the budget.
- 6. "ED, MIMR, SLD, SLI and OHI" means programs for children with emotional disabilities, mild mental retardation, a specific learning disability, a speech/language impairment and other health impairments.
- 7. "ED-P" means programs for children with emotional disabilities who are enrolled in private special education programs as prescribed in section 15-765, subsection D, paragraph 1 or in an intensive school district program as provided in section 15-765, subsection D, paragraph 2.
- 8. "ELL" means English learners who do not speak English or whose native language is not English, who are not currently able to perform ordinary classroom work in English and who are enrolled in an English language education program pursuant to sections 15-751, 15-752 and 15-753.
- 9. "Full-time equivalent certified teacher" or "FTE certified teacher" means for a certified teacher the following:
 - (a) If employed full time as defined in section 15-501, 1.00.
- (b) If employed less than full time, multiply 1.00 by the percentage of a full school day, or its equivalent, or a full class load, or its equivalent, for which the teacher is employed as determined by the governing board.
- 10. "Group A" means educational programs for career exploration, a specific learning disability, an emotional disability, mild mental retardation, remedial education, a speech/language impairment, homebound, bilingual, preschool moderate delay, preschool speech/language delay, other health impairments and gifted pupils.
- 11. "Group B" means educational improvements for pupils in kindergarten programs and grades one through three, educational programs for autism, a hearing impairment, moderate mental retardation, multiple disabilities, multiple disabilities with severe sensory impairment, orthopedic impairments, preschool severe delay, severe mental retardation and emotional disabilities for school age pupils enrolled in private special education programs or in school district programs for children with severe disabilities or visual impairment and English learners enrolled in a program to promote English language proficiency pursuant to section 15-752.

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- 12. "HI" means programs for pupils with hearing impairment.
- "Homebound" or "hospitalized" means a pupil who is capable of 13. profiting from academic instruction but is unable to attend school due to illness, disease, accident or other health conditions, who has been examined by a competent medical doctor and who is certified by that doctor as being unable to attend regular classes for a period of not less than three school months or a pupil who is capable of profiting from academic instruction but is unable to attend school regularly due to chronic or acute health problems, who has been examined by a competent medical doctor and who is certified by that doctor as being unable to attend regular classes for intermittent periods of time totaling three school months during a school year. medical certification shall state the general medical condition, such as illness, disease or chronic health condition, that is the reason that the pupil is unable to attend school. Homebound or hospitalized includes a student who is unable to attend school for a period of less than three months due to a pregnancy if a competent medical doctor, after an examination, certifies that the student is unable to attend regular classes due to risk to the pregnancy or to the student's health.
 - 14. "K-3" means kindergarten programs and grades one through three.
- 15. "MD-R, A-R and SMR-R" means resource programs for pupils with multiple disabilities, autism and severe mental retardation.
- 16. "MD-SC, A-SC and SMR-SC" means self-contained programs for pupils with multiple disabilities, autism and severe mental retardation.
- 17. "MDSSI" means a program for pupils with multiple disabilities with severe sensory impairment.
 - 18. "MOMR" means programs for pupils with moderate mental retardation.
- 19. "OI-R" means a resource program for pupils with orthopedic impairments.
- 20. "OI-SC" means a self-contained program for pupils with orthopedic impairments.
- 21. "PSD" means preschool programs for children with disabilities as provided in section 15-771.
- 22. "P-SD" means programs for children who meet the definition of preschool severe delay as provided in section 15-771.
- 23. "Qualifying tax rate" means the qualifying tax rate specified in section 15-971 applied to the assessed valuation used for primary property taxes.
- 24. "Small isolated school district" means a school district which meets all of the following:
- (a) Has a student count of fewer than six hundred in kindergarten programs and grades one through eight or grades nine through twelve.
- (b) Contains no school which is fewer than thirty miles by the most reasonable route from another school, or, if road conditions and terrain make the driving slow or hazardous, fifteen miles from another school which

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teaches one or more of the same grades and is operated by another school district in this state.

- (c) Is designated as a small isolated school district by the superintendent of public instruction.
- 25. "Small school district" means a school district which meets all of the following:
- (a) Has a student count of fewer than six hundred in kindergarten programs and grades one through eight or grades nine through twelve.
- (b) Contains at least one school which is fewer than thirty miles by the most reasonable route from another school which teaches one or more of the same grades and is operated by another school district in this state.
- (c) Is designated as a small school district by the superintendent of public instruction.
- 26. "Transportation revenue control limit" means the transportation revenue control limit computed as prescribed in section 15-946.
- 27. "Transportation support level" means the support level for pupil transportation operating expenses as provided in section 15-945.
 - 28. "VI" means programs for pupils with visual impairments.
- 29. "Voc. Ed." means career and technical education and vocational education programs, as defined in section 15-781.
- Sec. 3. Title 15, chapter 9, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-901.02, to read:

15-901.02. <u>Full-day kindergarten instruction: full-day</u> kindergarten fund

- A. A SCHOOL OR CHARTER SCHOOL THAT IS PROVIDED AND ACCEPTS MONIES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION FOR FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN SHALL OFFER FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN INSTRUCTION TO ALL PUPILS WHO MEET THE ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS. PARENTS OF PUPILS WHO MEET THE ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR VOLUNTARY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS IN A SCHOOL OR CHARTER SCHOOL THAT IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN INSTRUCTION SHALL CHOOSE EITHER HALF-DAY KINDERGARTEN INSTRUCTION OR FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN INSTRUCTION.
- B. THE LEGISLATURE SHALL DEVELOP A PLAN, INCLUDING CAPITAL MONIES, CONSIDERING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN ESTABLISHED IN SUBSECTION D OF THIS SECTION, TO PROVIDE STATEWIDE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN INSTRUCTION BY FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010. SCHOOLS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT ARE PROVIDED FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FUNDING PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION SHALL CONTINUOUSLY BE PROVIDED FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FUNDING THROUGHOUT THE STATEWIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN PLAN ADOPTED BY THE LEGISLATURE.
- C. FUNDING FOR FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN SHALL BE PROVIDED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 TO SCHOOLS OR CHARTER SCHOOLS WITH A STUDENT COUNT IN WHICH AT LEAST NINETY PER CENT OF THE PUPILS MEET THE ECONOMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND CHILD NUTRITION ACTS (42 UNITED STATES CODE SECTIONS 1751 THROUGH 1785), THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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OR CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL RECEIVE MONIES FOR FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION FOR EACH PUPIL WHO ATTENDS KINDERGARTEN INSTRUCTION.

- D. THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN IS ESTABLISHED AND SHALL CONSIST OF THREE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, NO MORE THAN TWO SHALL BE FROM THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY, THREE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, NO MORE THAN TWO SHALL BE FROM THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY AND THREE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WHO REPRESENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT OFFER KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS. THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE SHALL FORWARD PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS BY DECEMBER 1, 2004 TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE GOVERNOR FOR FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN IMPLEMENTATION. THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIDER FUNDING FOR EACH YEAR OF IMPLEMENTATION, CAPITAL ACCOMMODATIONS AND PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES SUCH AS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT.
- E. THE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FUND IS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF MONIES APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND. IF THERE ARE INSUFFICIENT MONIES AVAILABLE IN THE FUND TO PROVIDE FULL FUNDING PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL PRORATE THE AMOUNT PER PUPIL DISTRIBUTED TO EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL THAT IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE MONIES FROM THE FUND. THE AMOUNT BUDGETED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE ALLOWABLE BUDGET BALANCE CARRYFORWARD CALCULATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-943.01. THE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FUND TERMINATES ON JULY 1, 2009, AND ANY UNENCUMBERED MONIES REMAINING IN THE FUND ON THAT DATE SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE GENERAL FUND.
- F. MONIES IN THE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED AND ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING TO LAPSING OF APPROPRIATIONS, AND THE ALLOCATION TO EACH CHARTER SCHOOL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A FISCAL YEAR SHALL EQUAL THE PER PUPIL AMOUNT ESTABLISHED IN THIS SECTION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR MULTIPLIED BY THE WEIGHTED STUDENT COUNT FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-943, PARAGRAPH 2, SUBDIVISION (a). FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE WEIGHTED STUDENT COUNT FOR A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT SERVES AS THE DISTRICT OF ATTENDANCE FOR NONRESIDENT PUPILS SHALL BE INCREASED TO INCLUDE NONRESIDENT PUPILS WHO ATTEND SCHOOL IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.
- G. MONIES DISTRIBUTED FROM THE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FUND SHALL BE SPENT ONLY FOR FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN INSTRUCTION.
- H. SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT RECEIVE MONIES FROM THE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FUND SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ON A PER SCHOOL BASIS THAT PROVIDES AN ACCOUNTING OF THE EXPENDITURES OF MONIES DISTRIBUTED FROM THE FUND DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, A

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DESCRIPTION OF ANY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION, CLASS SIZE AND ANY DISTRICT CLASS SIZE POLICIES, DATA COLLECTED FROM STATE OR DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS OF KINDERGARTEN PUPILS IN BOTH FULL-DAY AND HALF-DAY PROGRAMS, THE NUMBER OF PUPILS, THE NUMBER OF PUPILS NOT SERVED AND THE REASONS THOSE PUPILS WERE NOT SERVED AND OTHER INFORMATION DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AUDITOR GENERAL SHALL PRESCRIBE THE FORMAT AND DUE DATE OF THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

- I. SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT RECEIVE MONIES FROM THE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FUND SHALL RECEIVE THESE MONIES MONTHLY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE-TWELFTH OF THE MONIES ESTIMATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION, EXCEPT THAT IF THERE ARE INSUFFICIENT MONIES IN THE FUND THAT MONTH TO MAKE PAYMENTS, THE DISTRIBUTION FOR THAT MONTH SHALL BE PRORATED FOR EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MAY MAKE AN ADDITIONAL PAYMENT IN THE CURRENT MONTH FOR ANY PRIOR MONTH OR MONTHS IN WHICH SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR CHARTER SCHOOLS RECEIVED A PRORATED PAYMENT IF THERE ARE SUFFICIENT MONIES IN THE FUND THAT MONTH FOR THE ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS. THE STATE IS NOT REQUIRED TO MAKE PAYMENTS TO A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FUND IF THE MONIES IN THE STATE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FUND ARE INSUFFICIENT TO MEET THE ESTIMATED ALLOCATIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION.
- J. THE ARIZONA STATE SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND SHALL RECEIVE MONIES FROM THE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FUND IN THE SAME MANNER AS SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS. THE ARIZONA STATE SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND ARE SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION IN THE SAME MANNER AS SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS.
- K. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL ESTABLISH A LOCAL LEVEL FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FUND TO RECEIVE ALLOCATIONS FROM THE STATE LEVEL FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FUND. THE LOCAL LEVEL FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FUND SHALL BE A BUDGETARY CONTROLLED ACCOUNT. INTEREST CHARGES FOR ANY REGISTERED WARRANTS FOR THE LOCAL LEVEL FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FUND. INTEREST EARNED ON MONIES IN THE LOCAL LEVEL FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FUND SHALL BE ADDED TO THE LOCAL LEVEL FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FUND SHALL BE ADDED TO THE LOCAL LEVEL FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FUND LOCAL LEVEL FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FUND THAT ARE IN ADDITION TO MONIES APPROPRIATED TO THE STATE LEVEL FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FUND.
- L. IF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE AUDITOR GENERAL OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DETERMINES THAT A SCHOOL DISTRICT IS SUBSTANTIALLY AND DELIBERATELY NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS TITLE, AND IF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS FAILED TO CORRECT THE DEFICIENCY WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER RECEIVING NOTICE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, PURSUANT TO

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULES, TO WITHHOLD THE MONIES THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WOULD OTHERWISE BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE FROM THE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FUND FROM THE DATE OF THE DETERMINATION OF NONCOMPLIANCE UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DETERMINES THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS TITLE.

- M. IF THE SPONSOR OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL DETERMINES AT A PUBLIC MEETING THAT THE CHARTER SCHOOL IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, WITH THE LAWS OF THIS STATE OR WITH ITS CHARTER, THE SPONSOR OF A CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO WITHHOLD THE MONIES THAT THE CHARTER SCHOOL WOULD OTHERWISE BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE FROM THE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FUND. THE SPONSOR SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL AT LEAST SEVENTY-TWO HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING AND SHALL ALLOW THE CHARTER SCHOOL TO RESPOND TO THE ALLEGATIONS OF NONCOMPLIANCE AT THE MEETING BEFORE THE SPONSOR MAKES A FINAL DETERMINATION TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF NONCOMPLIANCE. WHEN THE SPONSOR DETERMINES THAT THE CHARTER SCHOOL IS IN COMPLIANCE, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL RESTORE THE AMOUNT OF MONIES THAT THE CHARTER SCHOOL IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE FROM THE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FUND.
- N. SCHOOLS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO OFFER FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN INSTRUCTION TO QUALIFYING STUDENTS IF THERE IS INSUFFICIENT CLASSROOM SPACE. SCHOOLS SHALL NOT ACCEPT MONIES FROM THE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FUND IF SPACE LIMITATIONS RESULT IN CLASS SIZES THAT EXCEED THE AVERAGE CLASS SIZE OF THE DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL.
- O. ALL SCHOOLS THAT ACCEPT MONIES FROM THE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FUND SHALL PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT THAT IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE DELIVERY OF KINDERGARTEN STANDARDS IN A FULL-DAY PROGRAM. ANY SCHOOL THAT HAS NOT YET UNDERGONE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DELIVERY OF A RESEARCH-BASED READING CURRICULUM AS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 15-704 MAY NOT RECEIVE MONEY FROM THE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FUND UNTIL THIS TRAINING HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE KINDERGARTEN INSTRUCTORS ON STAFF.
- P. FOR ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT FUNDS VOLUNTARY FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN INSTRUCTION WITH MONIES FROM A DESEGREGATION LEVY OR A SPECIAL BUDGET OVERRIDE PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-482 AND THAT QUALIFIES FOR MONIES FROM THE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FUND AND IF THE DESEGREGATION MONIES OR SPECIAL BUDGET OVERRIDE MONIES ARE USED SOLELY TO PROVIDE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN INSTRUCTION, THE GOVERNING BOARD SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING TO DETERMINE THE REALLOCATION OF THOSE MONIES TO OTHER PROGRAMS OR WHETHER THOSE MONIES SHALL BE USED TO REDUCE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PRIMARY OR SECONDARY PROPERTY TAX LEVY, OR BOTH.
 - Sec. 4. Section 15-945, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 15-945. <u>Transportation support level</u>
- A. The support level for to and from school for each school district for the current year shall be computed as follows:
- 1. Determine the approved daily route mileage of the school district for the fiscal year prior to the current year.

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- 2. Multiply the figure obtained in paragraph 1 of this subsection by one hundred seventy-five.
- 3. Determine the number of eligible students transported in the fiscal year prior to the current year.
- 4. Divide the amount determined in paragraph 1 of this subsection by the amount determined in paragraph 3 of this subsection to determine the approved daily route mileage per eligible student transported.
- 5. Determine the classification in column 1 of this paragraph for the quotient determined in paragraph 4 of this subsection. Multiply the product obtained in paragraph 2 of this subsection by the corresponding state support level for each route mile as provided in column 2 of this paragraph.

12	<u>Column 1</u>	<u>Column 2</u>
13	Approved Daily Route	State Support Level per
14	Mileage per Eligible	Route Mile for
15	Student Transported	<u>Fiscal Year 2003-2004 2004-2005</u>
16	0.5 or less	\$2.07 \$2.11
17	More than 0.5 through 1.0	\$1.68 \$1.71
18	More than 1.0	\$2.07

- 6. Add the amount spent during the prior fiscal year for bus tokens and bus passes for students who qualify as eligible students as defined in section 15-901.
- B. The support level for academic education, career and technical education, vocational education and athletic trips for each school district for the current year is computed as follows:
- 1. Determine the classification in column 1 of paragraph 2 of this subsection for the quotient determined in subsection A, paragraph 4 of this section.
- 2. Multiply the product obtained in subsection A, paragraph 5 of this section by the corresponding state support level for academic education, career and technical education, vocational education and athletic trips as provided in column 2, 3 or 4 of this paragraph, whichever is appropriate for the type of district.

<u>Column 1</u>	<u>Column 2</u>	<u>Column 3</u>	Column 4
Approved Daily Route			
Mileage per Eligible	District Type	District Type	District Type
Student Transported	02 or 03	04	05
0.5 or less	0.15	0.10	0.25
More than 0.5 through 1.0	0.15	0.10	0.25
More than 1.0	0.18	0.12	0.30

For the purposes of this paragraph, "district type 02" means a unified school district or an accommodation school that offers instruction in grades nine through twelve, "district type 03" means a common school district not within a high school district, "district type 04" means a common school district within a high school district or an accommodation school that does not offer

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instruction in grades nine through twelve and "district type 05" means a high school district.

- C. The support level for extended school year programs for pupils with disabilities is computed as follows:
 - 1. Determine the sum of the following:
- (a) The total number of miles driven by all buses of a school district while transporting eligible pupils with disabilities on scheduled routes from their residence to the school of attendance and from the school of attendance to their residence on routes for an extended school year program in accordance with section 15-881.
- (b) The total number of miles driven on routes approved by the superintendent of public instruction for which a private party, a political subdivision or a common or a contract carrier is reimbursed for bringing an eligible pupil with a disability from the place of the pupil's residence to a school transportation pickup point or to the school facility of attendance and from the school transportation scheduled return point or from the school facility to the pupil's residence for an extended school year program in accordance with section 15-881.
- 2. Multiply the sum determined in paragraph 1 of this subsection by the state support level for the district determined as provided in subsection A, paragraph 5 of this section.
- D. The transportation support level for each school district for the current year is the sum of the support level for to and from school as determined in subsection A of this section and the support level for academic education, career and technical education, vocational education and athletic trips as determined in subsection B of this section and the support level for extended school year programs for pupils with disabilities as determined in subsection C of this section.
- E. The state support level for each approved route mile, as provided in subsection A, paragraph 5 of this section, shall be adjusted by the growth rate prescribed by law, subject to appropriation.
- Sec. 5. Title 15, chapter 9, article 5, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-980, to read:
 - 15-980. Uncollected property tax; supplemental state aid
- A. IF A COUNTY TREASURER CERTIFIES TO A SCHOOL DISTRICT AS OF JANUARY 1 THAT, IN THE TREASURER'S REASONABLE BELIEF, MORE THAN THIRTY PER CENT OF THE PRIMARY PROPERTY TAX REVENUES THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS ENTITLED BY LAW TO RECEIVE PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-18052 WILL NOT BE REMITTED TO THE DISTRICT DUE TO PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENCIES, THE DISTRICT IS ELIGIBLE FOR SUPPLEMENTAL STATE AID PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.
- B. ON RECEIVING A CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL STATE AID. THE APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE THE COUNTY TREASURER'S CERTIFIED ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF UNCOLLECTED PRIMARY PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE TAX YEAR PAYABLE IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

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- C. WITHIN FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER RECEIVING A COMPLETE AND CORRECT APPLICATION, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL PAY TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED FOR STATE AID THE AMOUNT DETERMINED IN SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL NOTIFY THE COUNTY TREASURER AND THE COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE AMOUNT AND THE DATE OF THE PAYMENT OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL STATE AID. SUPPLEMENTAL STATE AID PAID UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE CALCULATION MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-973. SUBSECTION C.
- D. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT RECEIVES SUPPLEMENTAL STATE AID SHALL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BETWEEN MAY 5 AND MAY 25 THE ACTUAL AMOUNT OF PRIMARY PROPERTY TAXES THAT WERE NOT COLLECTED AND REMITTED TO THE DISTRICT DURING THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, BASED ON INFORMATION FROM THE COUNTY TREASURER. IF THE AMOUNT OF SUPPLEMENTAL STATE AID PAID PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION EXCEEDS THE ACTUAL AMOUNT OF THE UNCOLLECTED PRIMARY PROPERTY TAXES THAT THE DISTRICT IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL DEDUCT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE AMOUNT OF SUPPLEMENTAL STATE AID PAID AND THE AMOUNT OF THE UNCOLLECTED PRIMARY PROPERTY TAXES FROM THE JUNE 15 AND, IF NECESSARY, SUBSEQUENT APPORTIONMENTS OF STATE AID PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-973, SUBSECTION B.
- E. BEGINNING ON JUNE 1 AFTER THE PAYMENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL STATE AID, THE COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT SHALL REPORT QUARTERLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THE AMOUNT OF ANY PAYMENTS OF DELINQUENT PRIMARY PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT DURING THE PREVIOUS QUARTER WITH RESPECT TO A TAX YEAR FOR WHICH THE SUPPLEMENTAL STATE AID WAS PAID. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEDUCT THE AMOUNT REPORTED FROM THE NEXT APPORTIONMENT OF STATE AID TO THE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-973, SUBSECTION B. IF THE DISTRICT DOES NOT RECEIVE ANY APPORTIONMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-973, SUBSECTION B, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DIRECT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TO PAY THAT AMOUNT TO THE STATE TREASURER FOR DEPOSIT IN THE STATE GENERAL FUND.
 - Sec. 6. Laws 2002, chapter 330, section 49 is amended to read: Sec. 49. School districts: warrant interest expenses: disbursements
- A. The sum of \$191,000,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2003-2004 from the state general fund to the state board of education and superintendent of public instruction for basic state aid and additional state aid entitlement for fiscal year 2003-2004. Such appropriation shall be disbursed on July 1, 2003 to the several counties for the school districts in each county in amounts equal to the reductions in apportionment of basic state aid and additional state aid required under section 48 of this act for fiscal year 2002-2003.
- 8. The sum of \$293,800 is appropriated in fiscal year 2003-2004 from the state general fund to the state board of education and the superintendent of public instruction for any costs to school districts which may be associated with the reductions in apportionment of basic state aid and additional state aid for fiscal year 2002-2003 required by section 48 of this

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act. Such appropriation shall be disbursed on July 1, 2003 to the several counties for the school districts in each county and shall be allocated based on the per cent of the total \$191,000,000 deferred payment for fiscal year 2002-2003 that is attributable to each individual school district.

C. Notwithstanding any provision of law, for fiscal year 2003-2004, if the governing board of a school district incurred interest expenses for registering warrants in fiscal year 2002-2003 due to LAWS 2002, CHAPTER 330, section 48 of this act, the governing board may budget an estimated amount for those interest expenses. Any such amount is specifically exempt from the revenue control limit in fiscal year 2003-2004. If the budgeted estimate amount is greater than the amount received pursuant to subsection 8 of this section LAWS 2003, CHAPTER 262, SECTION 30 FOR THIS PURPOSE, the governing board shall not expend more than the amount received pursuant to subsection B of this section LAWS 2003, CHAPTER 262, SECTION 30 FOR THIS PURPOSE. the budgeted estimate amount is less than the amount received pursuant to subsection B of this section LAWS 2003, CHAPTER 262, SECTION 30 FOR THIS PURPOSE, the governing board may revise its budget during fiscal year 2003-2004 to include the actual amount received pursuant to subsection 8 of this section LAWS 2003, CHAPTER 262, SECTION 30 FOR THIS PURPOSE and shall not expend more than the amount received pursuant to subsection B of this section LAWS 2003, CHAPTER 262, SECTION 30 FOR THIS PURPOSE.

Sec. 7. Laws 2002, chapter 330, section 51 is amended to read:

Sec. 51. <u>Temporary prohibition on joining or forming joint technological education districts</u>

- A. Notwithstanding sections 15-392 and 15-395, Arizona Revised Statutes, school districts shall not be allowed to:
- 1. Form any new joint technological education district between November 30, 2002 and June 30, $\frac{2004}{2005}$ 2005, unless both of the following requirements are met:
- (a) At least two school district governing boards voted to participate as part of the joint technological education district before February 1, 2002.
- (b) The joint technological education district is approved by the voters before November 30, 2002.
- 2. Join a joint technological education district between the effective date of this act and June 30, 2004 2005, unless the school district shares a border with a school district that currently belongs to the joint district or, if the school district does not share a border with a school district that currently belongs to the joint district, the governing board of the school district voted to become part of the joint technological education district at a public meeting before March 7, 2002 and the joinder is approved by the voters before November 30, 2002. The election requirements prescribed in sections 15-392 and 15-395, Arizona Revised Statutes, apply to any joinders entered into pursuant to this paragraph.

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B. A new joint technological education district formed pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 1 of this section shall be limited to four hundred fifty average daily membership students during the first two years of operation THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005.

Sec. 8. State board of education; charter school sponsorship

Notwithstanding title 15, chapter 1, article 8, Arizona Revised Statutes, the state board of education shall not sponsor any additional charter schools for fiscal year 2004-2005 and the state board of education and the state board for charter schools shall enter into an intergovernmental agreement for fiscal year 2004-2005 that requires the state board for charter schools to provide the same type of oversight that year for charter schools that are sponsored by the state board of education as the state board for charter schools provides for charter schools sponsored by the state board for charter schools.

Sec. 9. <u>Calculation of instructional days for fiscal year</u> 2004-2005

Notwithstanding any other law, for fiscal year 2004-2005, the term "one hundred eighty days" in section 15-341.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, means one hundred eighty days of instruction or an equivalent number of minutes of instruction per school year based on a different number of days of instruction approved by the school district governing board.

Sec. 10. Adjustment for rapid decline in student count for fiscal year 2004-2005

Notwithstanding section 15-942, Arizona Revised Statutes, for fiscal year 2004-2005, the department of education shall reduce by fifty per cent the amount of rapid decline funding that a school district would otherwise be eligible to receive pursuant to section 15-942, subsections A through F, Arizona Revised Statutes.

Sec. 11. Reduction in school district state aid apportionment: fiscal year 2004-2005

- A. Notwithstanding section 15-973, subsection B, paragraph 10, Arizona Revised Statutes, the state board of education shall defer until July 1, 2005 \$191,000,000 of the basic state aid and additional state aid payment that otherwise would be apportioned to school districts under that law on June 15, 2005.
- B. The funding deferral required by this section does not apply to charter schools.

Sec. 12. Appropriations; school districts; disbursements

A. The sum of \$191,000,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2005-2006 from the state general fund to the state board of education and superintendent of public instruction for basic state aid and additional state aid entitlement for fiscal year 2005-2006. This appropriation shall be disbursed on July 1, 2005 to the several counties for the school districts in each county in amounts equal to the reductions in apportionment of basic

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 state aid and additional state aid that are required pursuant to section 11 of this act for fiscal year 2004-2005.

- B. The sum of \$293,800 is appropriated in fiscal year 2005-2006 from the state general fund to the state board of education and the superintendent of public instruction for any costs to school districts that may be associated with the reductions in apportionment of basic state aid and additional state aid for fiscal year 2004-2005 that are required pursuant to section 11 of this act. This appropriation shall be disbursed on July 1, 2005 to the several counties for the school districts in each county and shall be allocated based on the per cent of the total \$191,000,000 deferred payment for fiscal year 2004-2005 that is attributable to each individual school district.
- C. Notwithstanding any provision of law, for fiscal year 2005-2006, if the governing board of a school district incurred interest expenses for registering warrants in fiscal year 2004-2005 pursuant to section 11 of this act, the governing board may budget an estimated amount for those interest expenses. Any such amount is specifically exempt from the revenue control limit in fiscal year 2005-2006. If the budgeted estimate amount is greater than the amount received pursuant to subsection B of this section, the governing board shall not expend more than the amount received pursuant to subsection B of this section, the governing board may revise its budget during fiscal year 2005-2006 to include the actual amount received pursuant to subsection B of this section and shall not expend more than the amount received pursuant to subsection B of this section B of this sect

Sec. 13. Appropriation; purpose; exemption

- A. The sum of \$21,000,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2004-2005 to the department of education for distribution to schools and charter schools with a student count in which at least ninety per cent of the pupils meet the economic eligibility requirements established under the national school lunch and child nutrition acts (42 United States Code sections 1751 through 1785) for the purpose of providing full-day kindergarten instruction as prescribed in section 15-901.02, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.
- B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt from the provisions of section 35–190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations.

Sec. 14. Appropriation: purpose: exemption

A. The sum of \$4,000,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2004-2005 to the school facilities board for distribution of capital grants to school districts that require immediate additional space in order to provide full-day kindergarten programs pursuant to this act. The school facilities board shall establish application procedures and selection criteria for school districts that wish to apply for capital grants pursuant

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to this section. Schools that have insufficient classroom space to offer full-day kindergarten instruction may apply for capital grants pursuant to this section. The selection criteria shall include an assessment of district space and the ability of schools to offer full-day kindergarten programs at existing neighborhood schools.

B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations.

Sec. 15. <u>fund transfer: allocation</u>

The sum of \$600,000 is transferred from the certificates of participation fund to the department of education for allocation in fiscal year 2004-2005 to a school district that included at least one hundred fifty pupils from unorganized territories in its average daily membership count for fiscal year 2002-2003. A school district that receives funding pursuant to this section may use the funding only to purchase pupil transportation vehicles and may increase its capital outlay revenue limit for fiscal year 2004-2005 by the amount of funding received pursuant to this section.

Sec. 16. <u>Desegregation budget</u>; <u>limit</u>

Notwithstanding section 15-910, Arizona Revised Statutes, the maximum amount that a school district may budget for desegregation activities for fiscal year 2004-2005 shall be computed as follows:

- 1. Determine the amount that the district budgeted for desegregation activities for fiscal year 2003-2004 pursuant to Laws 2002, chapter 68, section 3.
- 2. Compute the percentage increase in average daily membership for the district, as defined in section 15-901, Arizona Revised Statutes, for the 2003-2004 school year above the 2002-2003 school year. If average daily membership for the district decreased for the 2003-2004 school year below the 2002-2003 school year, assume a per cent increase of zero.
- 3. Multiply the amount determined in paragraph 1 of this section by the percentage determined in paragraph 2 of this section.
- 4. Multiply the amount determined in paragraph 1 of this section by two per cent for assumed inflation.
- 5. Add the amounts determined in paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 of this section.

Sec. 17. <u>Appropriation: Hayden-Winkelman unified school</u> <u>district: repayment schedule and terms</u>

- A. Notwithstanding section 15-2084, Arizona Revised Statutes, the sum of \$3,215,000 is appropriated from the school improvement revenue bond debt service fund for fiscal year 2004-2005 to the department of education for distribution to Hayden-Winkelman unified school district No. 41. The district shall use the monies solely for the purpose of redeeming its outstanding series 1994 callable general obligation bonds.
- B. The district shall levy a tax on the secondary assessment roll to repay the amount appropriated by this section in five annual installments of

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 principal and simple interest at the rate of four per cent per year on July 1, 2011, July 1, 2012, July 1, 2013, July 1, 2014 and July 1, 2015, but not more than a total sum of \$830,000 each year. The payments shall be credited to the school improvement revenue bond debt service fund established by section 15-2084, Arizona Revised Statutes.

- C. Notwithstanding any other law, through July 1, 2015 the district shall not propose or conduct any election to approve:
 - 1. Any budget override.
- 2. Any authorization to issue bonds or incur any other form of district indebtedness.

Sec. 18. <u>Joint legislative study committee: Hayden-Winkelman</u> property taxes

- A. The joint legislative study committee on Hayden-Winkelman property taxes is established consisting of the following members:
- 1. Three members of the senate who are appointed by the president of the senate, including the chairperson of the senate appropriations committee and the senator whose legislative district includes the Hayden-Winkelman unified school district No. 41.
- 2. Three members of the house of representatives who are appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, including the chairperson of the house of representatives appropriations committee and one member whose legislative district includes the Hayden-Winkelman unified school district No. 41.
- 3. One member who represents a statewide tax research organization and who is appointed by the president of the senate.
- 4. One member who owns commercial real property in the Hayden-Winkelman unified school district No. 41 and who is appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
- 5. One member who is appointed by the president of the senate and who represents a taxpayer that owns taxable property in the Hayden-Winkelman unified school district No. 41 and in the town of Hayden that is valued by the department of revenue pursuant to title 42, chapter 14, Arizona Revised Statutes.
- 6. One member who is appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and who resides in and owns residential real property in the Hayden-Winkelman unified school district No. 41.
- 7. One member of the governing body of the Hayden-Winkelman unified school district No. 41 who is appointed by the president of the senate.
- 8. One member of the governing body of the town of Hayden who is appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
- 9. One member who has expertise in public finance and investment banking and who is appointed by the governor.
- B. Members of the committee serve without compensation or reimbursement of expenses. The committee shall select a chairperson from its membership. The legislature shall provide meeting space and the joint

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legislative budget committee shall provide staff support for the study committee.

C. The study committee shall analyze the indebtedness, expenditures, property taxes and other revenues of the Hayden-Winkelman unified school district No. 41 and the town of Hayden and consider all possible solutions to provide long-term relief and stability for the residents, property owners and taxpayers of the community. The study committee shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives and the governor on or before December 31, 2004 and shall provide a copy of this report to the secretary of state and the director of the Arizona state library, archives and public records.

Sec. 19. Repeal

Section 18 of this act, relating to the joint legislative study committee on Hayden-Winkelman property taxes, is repealed from and after September 30, 2005.

Sec. 20. <u>Publication</u>

The publishers of the annotated Arizona Revised Statutes shall include the text of section 17 of this act with the annotations under section 15-481, Arizona Revised Statutes, through 2015.

Sec. 21. Retroactivity

- A. Except as provided in subsection B of this section, this act applies retroactively to from and after June 30, 2004.
- B. Laws 2002, chapter 330, section 49, as amended by this act, applies retroactively to from and after June 29, 2004.

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